

July is the last month of the first trimester. This trimester has been very hectic, and many things have happened. I am still glad that I work at Konan Junior High School, but I am looking forward to summer vacation very much.

I took the Japanese Language Proficiency Test at the beginning of the month. Although my teachers were very kind and tried to teach me Japanese, the day of the test I had a cold and could not focus very well. So, I will try to take the test again in December! Please continue to teach me Japanese!

July 14th was my supervisor's birthday. I asked the students of her class to write her notes, and I made a small album with the students' notes, and we gave her the album during homeroom. Many of the students wrote very sweet notes, and she was very happy. I hope she has a happy birthday and a happy year!

One day, we had very heavy rain. Towards the end of the lunch break, some third year girls called me over to look at something. I couldn't tell what it was at first, but it turned out to be a baby bat! Because it wanted to hide from the rain, it entered the school. It was very cute, and I actually wanted to keep it as a pet. But, one of the teachers returned the bat to its home. Goodbye baby bat. I'll miss you.



This month was the summer tournaments. It was the last tournament for the third years, too. I traveled with the boys' and girls' basketball teams to their tournaments. The boys lost on their first day, and the girls lost on their second day. I cried when they lost, because now the third years have

retired from the club. But, some of them continue to come to club practice during their free time, and so I am very happy to see them again. I hope they will study hard for their high school entrance exams. お疲れ様でした！

Towards the end of the month, I had the opportunity to join Maibara High School's English camp. It was fun talking with the high school students. First, they asked me many questions about myself. Then, we made skits based on fairy tales. My group made a skit about わらしべちようじゃ。Although it was my first time learning about the story, it was very fun making the skit. Our group won the prize for best skit! It was fun getting to know the students, and I hope that I can go to another English Camp soon.

I watched the brass band's performance at Plula. The student's played very well! It was easy to see how hard the third and second year students have worked over the past few years. Even though many of the first year students only began playing their instruments a few months ago, they were able to play their pieces well, too. The concert was very enjoyable, and I hope to go to another one!

It has become so hot and humid. At basketball practice, I often worry about the students because they have to practice in this heat. I hope everyone can stay healthy despite the weather! Please remember to drink a lot of water and take many breaks!

One day, one of the teachers brought そうめん that they made at home, and we had a small そうめん party in the teachers' room. It was very delicious! I love learning about different Japanese foods and traditions! As we prepare for the next trimester, I am nervous but also very excited. Everyone, good luck and study hard!

